

28 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Comment on SADP Memorandum dated 11 February 1958 re TSS

1. There appears to be misunderstanding on the part of SADP as to the recommendations of the IG. It has not been recommended that the Advisory Committee be abolished. On the contrary, it was recommended that it be reconstituted and regularized and that it extend its interests and responsibilities to give more effective over-all guidance to TSS. This would include some of the functions the Materiel Board attempted unsuccessfully to perform.

2. We recommended abolishing the Materiel Board because it was a monstrosity that accomplished nothing useful but instead only created hard feeling and impeded the development of effective technical support to operations. We felt then, and still feel, that it is the responsibility of the Chief, TSS, to determine technical requirements and operational characteristics of equipment needed to support clandestine activities. If he and his senior officers knew more about operations and moved in closer to the operating divisions, he would be able to accomplish this without the need for a separate board.

3. The recommendation of the DDP to replace the Materiel Board with a Technical Requirements Board is an evasion of the purpose and intent of our recommendations. It will accomplish nothing but to change the name of the Materiel Board without improving the situation. We feel there is no need for a board to assume responsibilities of the Chief, TSS. Certainly, there is no need for two boards.

4. If SADP wants to abolish the Advisory Committee and use a Technical Requirements Board instead, I would be willing to concur, particularly if its membership is as he describes. This is what we had in mind for the Advisory Committee. It should assume the functions of the Advisory Committee plus the responsibility "to insure that TSS is fully informed and constantly responsive to operating requirements and long-term objectives."

5. Probably SADP wishes to assume unto himself the complete direction of R&D in the Agency including TSS. Perhaps this is a good thing but it will also result in a further separation of R&D from operations. For all practical purposes, TSS is now split with R&D under [redacted] and the balance of the organization under DDP. I am frankly skeptical of the success of this move.

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Remarks: I agree with Hank 100%;
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